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SENATOR COPE: Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: State your point, Senator.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, for those in this body who don't take a newspaper, have a television or a radio I just thought I should inform you that Kearney State Lopers are number 2 nationally, NAIA Champions. How is that! They want to thank this body for not wishing them congratulations as we did Friday. But somebody must have got a little overexuberant and forgot. We came out second by just a hair. So watch it next time, will you. Incidentally, Big Red better watch out because when you're number 2 you work harder.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Enrolling Clerk respectfully reports that she has, on this day at 8:20 a.m., presented to the Governor for his approval the following legislative bills: 212, 411, 457, 574, 574A, 582 and 671. Mr. President, Attorney General's opinion number 212, addressed to Senator Bereuter, will be inserted in the Legislative Journal in full. Mr. President, Senator Barnett asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 837 in the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch, for what purpose do you ask recognition?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, for several of us in this body I would remind Senator Cope that they beat Hastings College by only 2 points to get to that second position. So we should also recognize good competition that forced them to go that far.

PRESIDENT: We will note that in the record, Senator Koch.

SENATOR MARVEL PRESIDING

SENATOR MARVEL: We're on 757, Special Order. The Clerk will read the title.

CLERK: Read title to LB 757. The bill was read on January 10th of this year. It was referred to the Education Committee. Mr. President, pursuant to a motion by Senator Duis, regarding raising LB 757 on General File, that motion was adopted by the body on March 13th of this year.

SENATOR MARVEL: So the bill is on General File, ready to be considered. Do we have amendments? The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp for purposes of a brief discussion of the bill.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, this is a very major bill. It tries to address what I think everybody on all sides of the state aid question have labeled as a crisis situation. The crisis situation was brought about as a result of the petition drive and the laws in effect at that time. As a consequence of all this, many rural schools have just suffered tremendously, or will suffer tremendously on the distribution of the state aid money. I use Neligh as an example, I guess, a couple times on the floor, Norfolk is another very good example. What is the purpose of the bill? The purpose of the bill is simply to redistribute and make sure all \$55 million